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"ANESTHESIA APPARATUS WITH REMOTE CONTROL

DURING OPERATION IN A MANUAL VENTILATION MODE"

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In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.56, Applicants request that citation and examination of the following documents be made during the course of examination of the above-referenced application for United States Letters Patent.

AA United States Patent No. 6,415,792

AB United States Patent No. 6,240,921

AC United States Patent No. 5,231,981

AL PCT Application WO 99/62403

AM PCT Application WO 95/28193

AN European Application 1 287 843

AO European Application 1 178 288

AT United States Patent Application Publication No. 2002/0017299

AU United States Patent Application Publication No. 2001/0035186

## **EXPLANATION OF RELEVANCE**

References AA, AB, AC, AM and AT were cited in a Search Report rendered by the European Patent Office during examination of the counterpart European application. A copy of the European Search Report is submitted herewith.

References AL, AN, AO and AU were cited in a Search Report rendered by the Swedish Patent Office during examination of the counterpart Swedish application. A copy of the Swedish Search Report is submitted herewith.

Copies of each of the above references together with Form 1449 are submitted herewith.

All of these references are in English with the exception of Reference AM, for which an English translation is not readily available to the Applicants. Reference AM contains an English language Abstract.

As of the date of mailing of this Information Disclosure Statement, a first Office Action on the merits has not been received in connection with this application, and therefore, this Information Disclosure Statement is in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b)(3), and no fee is necessary.

All claims of the application are submitted to be patentable over the teachings of the above references, taken singly or in combination. Early consideration of the application is therefore respectfully requested.

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